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"Christmas Memories", a Holiday Event

"Christmas Memories" at the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park

Where: Governor's Mansion State Historic Park,

(Corner of H and 16th Streets, Sacramento)

When: Saturdays, December 6th and 13th, 2008

10 AM to 4 PM

Special Event Admission: Adults 18 and over \$5.00; Youths ages 6-17 \$3.00

Children 5 and younger - Free

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SACRAMENTO – Christmas at the Governor's Mansion was a memorable event for many of California's first families in years past. Visit the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park, December 6 and 13, 2008 to celebrate "Christmas Memories" with lavishly recreated period décor and costumed docents.

An impressive array of live music that changes hourly will entertain the whole family while storytellers captivate imaginations young and old. Let yourself be transported back to the time of the earlier Governors' families and their Christmas traditions...a very special time of year.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus will visit the Mansion and meet with the little ones on both Saturdays. The period décor, provided by Michael's Crafts of Citrus Heights, makes for -MORE-

a festive background for holiday cards. Pictures are available for a nominal fee or you can take your own.

The Mansion's exterior will be especially beautiful this year after its recently completed year-long refurbishment. Join us to tour the Mansion illuminated by Christmas lights, a perfect venue for celebrating the season with friends and family.

Photo Caption: Costumed docents and lavish décor capture the holiday spirit on a visit to Christmas Memories at the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park.

Assignment Editor's Note: Docents and select musicians are available for on-air interviews.

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About the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park

Beginning with Governor George Pardee and his wife Helen in 1903, the stately Governor's Mansion State Historic Park served as the home of 13 California governors and their families until 1967, when then-Governor Ronald Reagan and wife Nancy became the last to live there. Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit Sacramento Historic Sites Association, the Governor's Mansion is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Guided tours are offered on-the-hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$4.00 adults, \$2.00 youths ages 6-17, children ages 5 and under free. For more information, call (916) 323-3047 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/governorsmansion.